THIRD DAY—*12th June 1929.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON precisely.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVEGOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk).—

Q.—35. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the estimate of expenditure—itemwar—likely to be incurred for the special establishment to be entertained for the measurement of coffee estates?

(*b*) How long will this survey be continued?

(*c*) What were the reasons that necessitated the undertaking of this special arrangement?

(*d*) Whether it was not possible for the Survey Establishment attached to the District Head-quarters to have been entrusted with this work?

(*e*) Whether instances of encroachments and unauthorised cultivation could not have been noticed in time through the village officials if Amildars had taken sufficient interest?

(*f*) Whether the estate-holders are required to defray any part of the cost involved in the survey; if so, how much?

(*g*) When the coffee districts were re-surveyed—talukwar?

(*h*) What extents of unauthorised cultivation were detected during such re-survey and in what taluk?

(*i*) What is the period of such unauthorised cultivation and under what circumstances they were discovered?

(*j*) What action has been taken against the officers responsible in this behalf and the result thereof?

(*k*) What is the number of such cases disposed of on the takarar lists apart from the cases discovered during re-survey ?

(*l*) What is the amount that has been recovered by way of fine and other compensation (to be given separately) in respect of cases detected as referred to in parts 8 and 11 *supra* ?

(*m*) In what taluks there was reduction in the acreage of coffee during re-survey and how much in each ? and

(*n*) What is the reduction of land revenue on this account—talukwar?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—35. (*a*) to (*n*) Government have no idea of having any extensive re-survey made of these coffee estates. What is proposed to be done is simply to examine a few representative estates with a view to detect encroachments, if any. There are no grounds for the apprehensions entertained by the member.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Devegowda.—

Though I have put 11 questions, Government have given only one answer. Will the Government be pleased to give a suitable reply to each question ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

We had no time to collect all the details you have asked for. If you are keen on having them, we shall collect and let you have them in due course. The object is only to see if there are any encroachments and if there are, to take proceedings under the Land Revenue Code.

Mr. Devegowda.—

What penalty is levied in the case of encroachments ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Penalty is levied according to rules. The rules have been framed not with a view to inconvenience the public but to regulate things satisfactorily.

Mr. Devegowda.—

Are not all estates measured ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

No, only representative estates.

Mr. Devegowda.—

Are not Hiduvalidars put to any expense ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

Nothing except provision of labour according to rules. I may, however, say that there need be no apprehension. It is only those who have encroached that will have to pay. Moreover, encroachments will not be taken away from them, but they will be confirmed subject to certain conditions specified in the Code.

Mr. Basappa Chetty.—

If only certain estates are surveyed, where is the need for a special establishment? Cannot the District Surveyor do it?

Survey Superintendent.—

He has other work.

MESSRS. K. T. SATYANARAYANA SETTY, N. M. SIVALINGAPPAIYA and K. THIMMEGOWDA (Kadur Taluk), G. KARIYANNA (Minority Interest), HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO and M. S. DYAVEGOWDA (Koppa Taluk).—

Q.—36. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) To what extent the fraud in the sandal oil sales has occurred ?

(*b*) How long it is since the fraud occurred ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that Mr. N. Madhava Rao will be deputed to England to investigate into the said fraud ?

(*d*) What is the cost of his tour to England ?

(*e*) Whether the Government have in view any other purpose in deputing Mr. N. Mahadva Rao to England?

(*f*) Whether the Government will lay on the table a statement of details of the fraud so far known to them ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—36. (*a*) About £65,000.

(*b*) Fraudulent transactions commenced in 1923 and were going on since then till detection.

(*c*), (*d*), and (*e*) He has been deputed to England to see to the recovery of the amounts due to the Government and also for suggesting arrangements for the sale of sandal oil in future.

He will be given first class passage for both journeys